IN THE CLAIMS:

The current claims follow. For claims not marked as amended in this response, any difference in the claims below and the previous state of the claims is unintentional and in the nature of a typographical error.

(Original) A method for identifying defective program code, comprising:
providing a first program code having a plurality of verified program
components and a second program code having a plurality of modified program
components;

creating a third program code corresponding to the second program code, wherein one of the modified program components is replaced with a corresponding one of the verified program components;

testing the third program code; and

designating the replaced modified program component as defective according to the results of the test.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first program code, the second program code, and the third program code are dynamic link libraries.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising testing the first program code and the second program code.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the creating and designating are repeated for each modified program component in the second program code.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the modified program components are program modules.

- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the modified program components are sets of program files developed by the same individual.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the modified program components are program files.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the replaced modified program component is designated as defective if the test is passed.
- 9. (Original) A data processing system having at least a processor and accessible memory, comprising:

means for selecting a first program code having a plurality of verified program components and a second program code having a plurality of modified program components;

means for creating a third program code corresponding to the second program code, wherein one of the modified program components is replaced with a corresponding one of the verified program components;

means for testing the third program code; and

means for designating the replaced modified program component as defective according to the results of the test.

- 10. (Original) The data processing system of claim 9, wherein the first program code, the second program code, and the third program code are dynamic link libraries.
- 11. (Original) The data processing system of claim 9, further comprising means for testing the first program code and the second program code.
- 12. (Original) The data processing system of claim 9, wherein the modified program components are program modules.

- 13. (Original) The data processing system of claim 9, wherein the modified program components are sets of program files developed by the same individual.
- 14. (Original) The data processing system of claim 9, wherein the modified program components are program files.
- 15. (Original) The data processing system of claim 9, wherein the replaced modified program component is designated as defective if the test is passed.
- 16. (Original) A computer program product tangibly embodied in a machine-readable medium, comprising:

instructions for selecting a first program code having a plurality of verified program components and a second program code having a plurality of modified program components;

instructions for creating a third program code corresponding to the second program code, wherein one of the modified program components is replaced with a corresponding one of the verified program components;

instructions for testing the third program code; and

instructions for designating the replaced modified program component as defective according to the results of the test.

- 17. (Original) The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the first program code, the second program code, and the third program code are dynamic link libraries.
- 18. (Original) The computer program product of claim 16, further comprising instructions for testing the first program code and the second program code.

- 19. (Original) The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the modified program components are program modules.
- 20. (Original) The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the modified program components are sets of program files developed by the same individual.
- 21. (Original) The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the modified program components program files.
- 22. (Original) The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the replaced modified program component is designated as defective if the test is passed.